

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated May 17, 2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter within claims 11 and 16. See Office Action at page 4, fourth paragraph.


Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate claims 11 and 16, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian S. Rosenbloom  
Registration No. 41,276  
Attorney for Applicants  
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK  
1425 K. Street, Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Telephone: (202) 783-6040